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*Docket No.: 81862P160*

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In Re the Application of:**

**JOHN ELLIS, ET AL.**

**Application No.: 09/499,871**

**Filed: February 7, 2000**

**For: RE-ROUTING CONNECTIONS USING  
REDUNDANT PATH CONNECTIONS AND  
LOOPBACKS**

**Art Group: 2663**

**Examiner: Min Jun**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant for the above-identified application respectfully Petitions the Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the period for response to June 28, 2006, from the Final Office Action dated February 28, 2006. The petition filing fee of \$120.00 and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with Amendment are attached. (If a check is not attached, you are hereby authorized to charge deposit account no. 02-2666.)

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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